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SUBJECT: SERVICE OF SUMMONS ON U.S. AMBASSADOR

REF:(A) STATE 001515, (B) STATE 000949,

1. STATEMENT SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH PARA (2)
REFERENCE (A) AS FOLLOWS: THIS CASE APPARENTLY REFERS TO
A GRANT ALLEGEDLY MADE BY THE MONTGOMERY (ALA)
COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE. I BELIEVE IT CAN BE WELL
ESTABLISHED THAT DURING MY TENURE AS DIRECTOR OF THE
OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (OEO), COMMUNITY
ACTION PROGRAMS (SOME 900 OF THEM) OPERATED UNDER
THE DIRECT CONTROL OF A LOCALLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
OVERSIGHT, IF ANY, WAS PROVIDED BY ONE OF TEN REGIONAL
OFFICES OF OEO AND/OR THE STATE OFFICES OF ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY (SEO'S). THE BULK OF OEO'S GRANT MAKING
AUTHORITY WAS DELEGATED TO THE TEN REGIONAL DIRECTORS.
ORGANIZATIONALLY THE TEN REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORTED
TO OEO'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS. THE
STATE DIRECTORS OF OEO EFFECTED THEIR LIAISON WITH
THE OEO'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS THROUGH
OEO'S DIRECTOR OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS. SEVERAL OF OEO'S SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS
WERE CENTRALLY BASED IN WASHINGTON. THESE INCLUDED
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LEGAL SERVICES AND INDIAN AND MIGRANT SERVICES.

BECAUSE OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH THE CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE NOR EVEN DESIRABLE FOR THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL SIGN OFF AUTHORITY FOR THE GRANTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCALLY ELECTED COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES. THESE LATTER AGENCIES ALL HAD INDIVIDUAL HIRING AND FIRING AUTHORITY AND IT WAS ESTIMATED AT ONE TIME DURING MY TENURE THAT A TOTAL OF 191,000 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY OEO. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I AM AMAZED TO FIND MYSELF A DEFENDANT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE.

2. ON JUNE 11, 1974 I ANSWERED, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND RECOLLECTION, AN EXHAUSTIVE SET OF INTERROGATORIES SERVED UPON ME, BY MAIL BY MR. HENRY WEIL OF THE FIRM OF BELLI, SHAPIRO, WEIL AND JACOBS OF 7735 OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD, BETHESDA, MD. 20014. ONE SET OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED DOCUMENTS IN MY POSSESSION BEING POUCHED.

3. GREATLY APPRECIATE INTEREST THAT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN IN THIS CASE AND WILL BE PLEASED TO COOPERATE WITH THEM IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. AM FORWARDING LETTER REQUESTING REPRESENTATION BY JUSTICE.
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